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Subject: RE: Invitation - Small Business Environmental Assistance Program annual training

Hello Kurt,

9:30 on May 14th would work great for us. We have half an hour available. She can use that whole time or as much of it as she needs.

The attendees are representatives from Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs from states across the country. It would be great if Administrator Stepp could welcome everyone to Region 5 and give some information on current EPA priorities, especially if they will impact businesses with 100 employees or less. Our programs provide technical assistance to help small business understand state and federal environmental regulations and also serve as a voice for small businesses within regulatory agencies and during the rulemaking process. Many of the programs are housed in state environmental agencies, but some are housed elsewhere such as a commerce agency, Small Business Development Center, or university. The programs have their origin the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Some programs focus exclusively on air regulations, but many work across all environmental media. Our national network works closely with US EPA largely through the Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman Joan Rogers and her staff at the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. The "About Us" page on our national website explains our programs and nation network more in depth: <https://nationalsbeap.org/about>. We would be very interested in any ways our programs can work with EPA to help the agency meet its priorities while supporting small businesses.

Our annual training is a mix of technical training topics, updates from EPA staff, discussions with other organizations that work with small businesses, and sharing of ideas among ourselves on how to best assist the small business community. By working together the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs, many of which have only a few staff, can accomplish much more than we could individually. The planning committee is in the process of updating the agenda. I'll get that to you as soon as I have an updated copy.

We very much appreciate Cathy's willingness to speak to our group and look forward to hearing from her!

Lisa

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